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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. PARTY TO

THE FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK

REF A. STATE 81932 B. TAIPEI 1853

1. ON APRIL 11 THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MOFA OFFICIALS FROM NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND PROTOCOL AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. FORMAL PROCEDURES CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL THE NAMES AND PASSPORT NUMBERS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE RECEIVED. MOFA HAS AGREED TO INFORM THE ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ACCORDINGLY.

2. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON APPROPRIATE DRESS, IN WHICH MOFA HAS CONCURRED:

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

IN GENERAL, WHATEVER ATTIRE IS APPROPRIATE AND IN GOOD TASTE FOR A FUNERAL HELD IN THE U.S. WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE HERE. THE WEATHER IS LIKELY TO BE WARM (65-80 DEGREES) AND RAINY. SINCE THE FUNERAL CEREMONY MAY INCLUDE WALKING FOR A DISTANCE OF SOME 200 YARDS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.

B. FOR MEN:

DRESS FOR MEN DURING ALL CEREMONIES AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IS DARK BUSINESS SUIT, PLAIN SHIRT (UNPATTERNED), A FOUR -IN-HAND BLACK TIE, BLACK SHOES AND SOCKS. THERE IS

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NO REQUIREMENT FOR HAT.

C. FOR WOMEN:

DRESS FOR WOMEN DURING ALL CEREMONIES AND FUNCTIONS IS CONSERVATIVELY-CUT DARK DRESSES WITH SLEEVES, OR SUITS, (LENGTH PREFERABLY BELOW THE KNEE) AND DARK SHOES. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR GLOVES OR HAT.

3. THE ROC WILL PROVIDE AT ITS EXPENSE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, INCLUDING MEALS, FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AT THE GRAND HOTEL.

4. THE ROC WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATON FOR THE ENTIRE DELEGATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT AND TO ALL OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEREMONIES AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS NOW APPEAR TO BE FIRING UP AS FOLLOWS (WHERE CONFLICTS OCCUR, THESE SUPERSEDE INFORMATION GIVEN REFTEL B):

Z. TUESDAY, APRIL 15: EACH NATIONAL DELEGATION WILL BE TAKEN TO THE SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL HALL TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THE REMAINS OF THE PRESIDENT. THE TUBING FOR THIS EVENT IS NOT KNOWN AS MOFA INDICATES THAT DELETATIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN TAIPEI. WE EXPECT TO HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS POINT ONLY AFTER DELEGATIONS'ARRIVAL.

B. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16:

1. DELEGATIONS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE SUN YAT-SEN MOMORIAL HALL AT 0740 TO ATTEND A CHINESE FUNERAL CEREMONY FROM 0800-0830.

2. AT 0830 A 45-50 MINUTE REQUIEM SERVICE (CHRISTIAN) WILL BE HELD AT THE HALL, AFTER WHICH THE REMAINS OF THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE HALL ANC CORTEGE WILL THEN FORM AND PROCEED TO TAO YUAN. DELEGATIONS AR ASKED TO FOLLOW THE PROCESSION ON FOOT FOR SOME TWO HUNDRED YARDS, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL BE MET BY VEHICLES AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOTELS.

3. AT 1730 PRESIDENT AND MRS. YEN CHIA-KAN WILL HOLD A RECEPTION/ TEA AT CHUNG SHAN LOU ON YANG MING SHAN.

C. THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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A. AT 1000 MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK WILL RECEIVE DELEGATIONS AT HER SHIH LIN RESIDENCE.

B. AT 1100 PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO WILL RECEIVE AND THANK DELEGATIONS AT THE EXECUTIVE YUAN.

6. SPOUSES WHO MAY ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

ANY OF THE CEREMONIES OR FUNCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 5.
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